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The most beautiful of all seasons in the Land of the Sky is just arriving.

There has recently been quite an exodus of local gamblers who have gone away to remain until the "purification" wave has swept over.

The Greater Hendersonville Club will have accomplished its greatest triumph when it has extended the "season" another month. There is no reason why visitors should hurry away in September when October will give them the greatest delight. In fact this is the greatest of all year round resorts and we must prove this fact to the world. The way to do it is to advertise it. A liberal use of printer's ink well placed will bring thousands here where hundreds now come and they will stay three and four months in place of three and four weeks.

If you have a prosperous city be enterprising. To be enterprising means to make public improvements. Improve streets, lay sewers and do those things which all live towns find it necessary to do. Don't cry "no money." If the city has no money, get it. A city like Hendersonville can always get all money necessary for public improvements for these same improvements increase the value of property and there is plenty of money for good city bonds. Hendersonville can stand much more bonding and it can stand many more improvements. In fact it must have them unless it decides to stagnate.

THE CITY'S PURIFICATION.

According to a news item which appeared in the Democrat of last week, the Hendersonville city authorities have at last awakened to the fact that there has been illegal liquor selling and card playing going on within its limits. As a result of this awakening a spectacular raid was made upon the denizens of the depot neighborhood which resulted in the arrest of nine men charged with the unlawful selling of liquor. All of those arrested were known to the police of the city and no element of mystery whatsoever had ever been known to cloak their movements. Be this as it may, the information upon which the arrests were made was furnished by two imported detectives, who had been hired by the city at considerable expense and who had ingratiated themselves into the friendship or acquaintanceship of their intended victims and secured or are alleged to have secured from them some of the "contraband." Among those arrested was a bell boy or other servant of the Hotel Wheeler who was charged by one of the detectives with having procured for him while the latter was a pretended or real guest of the hotel, a pint bottle of whiskey. The cases of all of the men arrested, came duly up for a hearing after the aforesaid detectives had worked on the several cases for about two weeks, and His Honor, Mayor Shepherd bound the whole bunch over for trial before the proper court in the sum of \$300 each.

Now we are glad to learn that the local authorities after so long a time have decided that the laws shall be enforced and this raid on the depot section of the city has had the effect of convincing many that they are in earnest in the purification movement. We might also be convinced that such is the case were it not for the fact that the detectives gave up the hunt for "blind tigers" long before all of these animals had been captured. As a matter of fact the hunt was only begun and only a few of the "cripples" have been apprehended. It also appears quite extraordinary that the local police force, which is by no means overworked, was unable to bring any of the alleged culprits to judgment without the aid of outsiders who were total strangers and who were necessarily coached by the local authorities in finding their prey.

It occurs to the Democrat that the city of Hendersonville is too greatly in need of funds for serious public im-

provements, such as the laying of sewers where they are vitally necessary, the cleaning up of filth where it is offensive and dangerous to health and life, etc. to spend the taxpayers money for special detectives to come here and spend many days in order to pick up a few fellows for selling a pint of whiskey now and then or even regularly when almost any boy who knows anything about the town could have put his finger on double the number of "retailers," some of whom however are higher in importance in the affairs of the community than those who were arrested. Be it understood fully that we do not charge that the local police with being aware of the selling of liquor by any of the victims of the imported detectives, for surely they have been they would not have failed in their duty and delayed making arrests until outside reinforcements were called to their assistance.

It has been hinted by hundreds of citizens since the making of the raid, that the local police did not do the job themselves for fear of political or corporate consequences. We cannot quite believe these suggestions however for surely the city's guardians are all honorable men and are not cowards either morally or physically. Thus we are constrained to attribute their non-interference with the daily and hourly violation of the law until the strangers came and showed them the rests of evil doers, to their ignorance of the actual conditions as they have existed here from time immemorial and as they exist now and are likely to exist until the end of the chapter. So much for the "whiskey raid" after the season is practically over and the "retailers" have grown rich during all of the months that went before the coming of the imported detectives. The question of the "gamblers" we will reserve for another time.

A HENDERSON COUNTY FAIR.

Rivalry from time immemorial has called forth the most earnest human endeavor and has been the incentive to lofty ideals. Rivalry between nations, tribes and clans has resulted in barbaric warfare and disastrous adventure, as well as the advancement of peace and progress.

The spirit of rivalry, the desire to surpass, is an innate characteristic of man. It inspires the development and concentration and of strenuous effort for the attainment of the goal of one's ambition, whether it be for good or evil. The motive which directs this dynamic force in connection with all phases of human activity, is evidently an important factor to society, and particularly so when applied to movements of extended scope or constructive nature.

The modern fair is a direct product of rivalry. It is conducted primarily for the advancement of agricultural and educational interests. It is a positive force in the enlightenment of the citizenship of the community. It affords object lessons and opportunities for inspiration to higher ideals, more useful and successful lives, all of which is the result of friendly, wholesome rivalry.

Each county should have a modern annual fair and by creating friendly rivalry not only within each county but with adjoining counties, encourage a degree of pride and development of intellect in the adoption of more scientific methods, which would promptly advance prosperity and intelligence throughout the zone of competition. If this were done throughout Western North Carolina and then the best products combined in one grand district exhibition, say the Western North Carolina fair, it would prove a revelation and an inspiration to all this territory and result in incalculable benefits.

The prospects for an agricultural and educational fair in Henderson county were never brighter than they are today. We are making wonderful strides along these lines and with a county demonstrator in our midst at all times to give the latest approved instructions in better and more modern farming methods a county fair could be made a remarkable success. Our more progressive neighboring counties have realized the benefits to be derived from county fairs and until we join in this march of progress we will necessarily remain in the back ground.

The Blue Ridge Township Fair, which in its limited way is doing a most commendable work, would doubtless join in the movement for a bigger fair, which would be more fully representative of the county's possibilities than a township fair could possibly be. There is a growing sentiment in this section for a county fair, but it is necessary for the initial step to be taken in this work before results can be obtained. An excellent opportunity is open to the progressive public spirited citizens of this county to perform a valuable service by making the first move to establish an institution of this character which would grow in usefulness with the passing years.

FARMERS' RALLIES.

A series of farm and school rallies are to be held in this county under the direction of farm demonstrator E. L. Perkins, who is working under district agent E. S. Millsaps, in the establishment of a farm demonstration bureau in this county.

It will be remembered that the county authorities and the Greater Hendersonville Club accepted the proposition made by the government towards placing in this county a farm demonstrator.

Mr. Perkins is now on the job. He will begin at once getting acquainted with our farmers. Headquarters will be established at the court house and he will be in his office every Saturday where any one desiring information can find him.

With the co-operation of the farmers of this county this work can result in great good for the county. There is not a class of citizens in the entire country upon which the world is more dependable than the farmer. Let him take advantage of these lectures and rallies, seek information of the instructor who has been trained by the government and he will find that his reward will be in the shape of a much larger and more profitable crop the next year.

The farmer who persists in using the "back woods" methods in preference to the scientific ways placed at his very door, will wake up at no far distant time and find that his neighbor is prospering beyond expectations and that he has advanced in nothing but years by staying in the same old rut.

The majority of the farmers in this county desire a change and are eager to improve themselves and their methods in farming. They will attend the rallies and a new era is fast approaching.

A DEATH TRAP MENACE.

Why there are not more serious and fatal accidents at the railway street crossing at the Southern Railway station than there are, is a mystery for which an explanation is asked every day. Without doubt that crossing is one of the most dangerous possible to find anywhere. It is taking one's life in his hands every time the tract near the station is crossed.

It is an evil which the city authorities should abolish this very hour. The railroad should be required to put up crossing gates such as are demanded by every other municipality in the land where the life of the citizen is given any value. Near accidents occur there every day and this death trap is within sight of the residence of one of the councilmen and the place of business of another. Why has this nuisance been allowed all of this time? Does not the city council realize that one life is of more value than the expense that the railroad would be put to by the employment of a watchman for a hundred years. Has this council no regard for the safety of its city's people. How can thinking men, endowed with good sense and judgment, elected by the people to attend to the people's business and guard their lives by proper regulations and laws, look these people in the face with a clear conscience when this death trap is waiting to claim one of them as its victim at almost any moment? Several accidents have occurred at this crossing recently and why deaths have not resulted, God only knows. Surely the city has the power to force the railroad to put up the regulation gates and maintain them as elsewhere and surely the men composing the council have the necessary grit to make this reasonable demand for the protection of the city's people. We can scarcely imagine that the railroad company would attempt to deny such a reasonable and necessary request were it made, for the railway is interested in the protection of life at its crossings. A fatal accident may occur at this place today or tomorrow or next week and YOU may be the victim.

FULL-TIME SECRETARY.

A full time secretary for the Greater Hendersonville Club; a man with publicity experience, a man with energy and reliability,—that should be what every member of the club should insist on and demand. Right now is the logical time to get such a man; it is the psychological moment for the growth and development of the club and for the greater and more rapid growth of our beautiful "Roof Garden" city.

With such a man and with the material that lies undeveloped on every hand, Hendersonville and her advantages and development could be made a household word all over the country. The club life alone around Hendersonville affords ample text for almost unlimited exploitation in papers and magazines; Laurel Park and the Swiss Incline railway another; the Green River development another, and so on. If such a man did nothing but story work, he would earn his salary many times over, and he should be well provided with postage, small literature and photographs. What has

been done at Asheville in this kind of work can be duplicated here, and give us the direct results of our own accomplishment. Nothing less than a full time secretary should satisfy our people.

THE PELLAGRA CONFERENCE.

That pellagra is not transmissible by a direct contact was the concluded theory of the eminent physicians, who have given this new disease their careful attention for some time, at the recent pellagra conference in Spartanburg.

Three of local physicians attended this conference last week with the hope of finding light on the baffling problem that they might become better able to rid this community of such a sorely menacing disease.

While Henderson county has had rather fewer cases of Pellagra than other near by counties yet there have been enough cases proving fatal here to give the disease sufficient importance for careful study. These doctors were not delegates to the conference; they paid their own expenses. They gave their time without thought of personal compensation and are deserving of much commendation.

No doubt those doctors who went to Spartanburg and heard Dr. Louis W. Sambon, eminent epidemiologist of London in whose honor the pellagra conference was given, will share their knowledge with the other members of the Henderson-Polk medical society at its regular meetings.

Millinery opening—Saturday. You are invited. The Quality Shop—Peoples Bank Bld'g.—Adv.

BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS.

At Asheville—Great Spectacle of "Cleopatra" Begins Regular Performance. The Barnum and Bailey Greatest Show on Earth and newly added spectacle of "Cleopatra" will exhibit in Asheville on Sept. 27th. The spectacle itself is an attraction that should fill the big tent at each performance and draw thousands of visitors from the surrounding districts. It is beyond question the greatest production of its kind ever seen in America.

The world's most skillful scenic artists, costumers, property builders, chorus directors and stage managers were engaged to mount the production. A stage bigger than a hundred ordinary theaters was built and made portable so that it can be conveyed from town to town and erected each day in the main tent. The circus proprietors have thus made it possible for those who live in contributory towns, even farmers and their families, to see the magnificent wordless play that is an immense attraction in the largest cities. It is enacted with a cast of 1,250 actors, a grand opera chorus, an orchestra of 100 soloists; a ballet of 300 dancing girls, 650 horses, five herds of elephants, caravans of camels, and a trainload of special devices, costumes, and scenery and electrical mechanism for producing such effects as lightning, thunder, stand storms on the desert, volcanoes in action, sunrise, floods, and mirages.

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NOTICE TO CITY TAX PAYERS.

Section 44 of the city charter says: The commissioners are authorized and empowered to provide for an allowance of three per cent. off all ad valorem taxes levied by the city when the same are paid in full in the month of September after they are payable; two per cent when paid in full in the month of October; and one per cent when the same are paid in the month of November; or any amounts less than those herein mentioned, but in no case any greater amounts. 8-11-4t

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LOST—Saturday a Masonic slipper pin with initials E. H. B. 10 on back. Finder communicate with Fred S. Biles, 409, Johnston ave, Trenton, N. J. 9-11-1tp

WANTED—Two or three large families to learn knitting mill work. Girls preferred. Apply to The Skyland Hosiery Company, C. P. Rogers, Supt., East Flat Rock, N. C. 9-10-3tc

WANTED—An organist for the church of St. Johns in the Wilderness, Flat Rock, N. C., from Sept. 15th to Oct. 31. Apply to E. R. Pinckney, Flat Rock, N. C. 9-11-1tc

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"ORCHARD" Special Rates for board during month of September. 5th Ave West MRS G. W. FOSTER, Prop. 914-3tp.

FOR SALE—Farm, 4 miles from Spartanburg, S. C., near proposed car line to Glen Springs. Can be cut in to small farms and sold for \$150 to \$250.00 per acre, if sold by October 1st only \$75.00 per acre. 166 1-2 acres. Terms. It has all improvements for dairying, cattle raising, trucking and general farming, best meadow country. Buildings all new and painted. If interested see or write A. D. Cooper, Route 1, Box 5-A, Hendersonville, N. C. 8-27-3tp

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. Having decided to leave Hendersonville within the next 30 days, I will offer my stock of watches and jewelry at reduced prices. Those having watches and jewelry in repair should call for them between now and Sept. 30th. Respectfully, R. KIRKWOOD, Main St., in front of Orr's store.

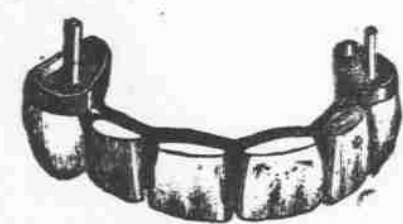
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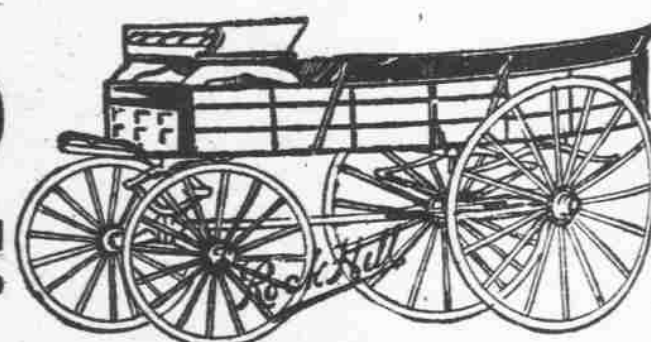
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